

CONTENDING FORCES AGAIN CLASH AT WIJU AND JAPANESE ARE REPORTED TO HAVE HAD FIVE OFFICERS SLAIN

RUSSIANS AGGRESSIVE

General Kuropatkin Claims a Victory Without a Loss.

JAPS DEVASTATE TOWN

Russian Writer Says Sherman Tactics Will Not Work in Present War as Armies Can Subsist Almost Anywhere.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, April 6.—An official report has been received from General Kuropatkin and issued by the war department, which gives the details of another conflict between the Japanese and Russians near Wiju. Kuropatkin states that news of the fight came from General Kashtalinski, who is stationed near Turenchen Island, off Mutturra, not far from Wiju. The Russians were the aggressors, the volunteers making an attack. Kuropatkin says the Japanese had five officers killed and many soldiers wounded. The Russians had several men wounded, but none killed. Reports have been received here that the Japanese are waging a campaign of war in earnest in the outlying provinces and have totally devastated Yungampo, a Russian settlement, and laid waste the surrounding land, leaving it so barren that neither friend nor foe could subsist without carrying full lines of supplies. One writer in commenting on this in a local newspaper says: "The Japanese will find that the emulation of the American, General Sherman's march to the sea, will in this case be of no avail, as Russia will be found in such a state of preparation that she will in no wise depend on foraging to provide food for man or beast." A proclamation has been issued in Siberia prohibiting the holding of all public meetings, the carrying of arms, the purchase of ammunition or taking any action tending to raise the prices of provisions. This is expected to check the speculators who have been reaping profits from the war excitement.

DISMISS NAVAL CAMPAIGN. Japanese War Council Meets Before Throne to Plan Future Movements. Tokyo, April 6.—A meeting of the full war council was held before the throne today, the Mikado acting in the capacity of supreme head of the army and navy. The meeting was devoted to a review of the recent naval campaign. While the usual secrecy prevails it is believed the progress of the campaign to this point is highly satisfactory, notwithstanding the failure to reduce Port Arthur, or block the channel leading to its anchorage.

KUROPATKIN REVIEWS TROOPS. Forces Now Expect a Japanese Attack and Are Fully Prepared. (Journal Special Service.) Niu Chwang, April 6.—Kuropatkin arrived here today and reviewed 4,000 troops composed of horse artillery, several field batteries, four regiments of Siberian rifles, Cossacks and regular cavalry. General Kondratovitch, commanding at Niu Chwang, says he is prepared for a Japanese attack, which was expected Tuesday, but failed to materialize. The relations between the Russian authorities and foreign residents is improving, each side showing more marked friendliness.

OLD FIRM FAILS. Chicago, April 6.—The Wm. Rand Co., doing business on the board for 40 years, entered voluntary bankruptcy today. Liabilities are given at \$108,000; assets, \$235,000.

TURKO-BULGARIAN WAR IS IMMINENT

(Journal Special Service.) Vienna, April 6.—The Sofia correspondent of the Tagesblatt wires that diplomatic relations between Turkey and Bulgaria are liable to be broken today if the Turko-Bulgarian agreement is not signed. He adds that things are strained by diplomatic passages until it seems impossible for either side to sign without backing down, which in the present temper seems impossible. The paper freely predicts that war will be the outcome. Dispatches received here today from Sofia say that the Bulgarian ministry has announced a decision to further reinforce the line of guards on the frontier, believing that a Turkish invasion is imminent. The guards there at this time are not sufficiently strong to offer a very effective resistance, but with additional men, all of whom will be armed with the latest modern weapons, the frontier may become a sanguinary field.



LATEST FIGHT AT PORT ARTHUR, SHOWING TORPEDO-BOATS IN ACTION. (DRAWN FROM A CABLED DESCRIPTION.)

FAIR COMMISSION IGNORED IN RULES

Regulations Prepared by Colonel Dosch and Published Without Its Required Sanction Will Be Brought Up at Meeting Saturday.

The state commission of the Lewis and Clark Centennial and American Pacific Exposition and Oriental fair, subject, however, to the approval of the commission created by this act. That, after the plans of said exposition shall be prepared by said company and approved by said commission, the rules and regulations of said corporation governing rates for entrance and admission fees, or otherwise affecting the rights, privileges and interests of the exhibitors or of the public, shall be fixed or established by said company, subject, however, to the modification or approval of said commission, and in case of dispute, subject to reference for arbitration to the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, whose award on such question made by the whole or a majority thereof shall be binding and final." According to this section the state commission must approve all exhibition plans and regulations, or else the state officials will act as arbitrators and their decision will be final. The position of the state commission in former cases where a question of authority has come up has been to abide by the law, and according to commissioners, this will be their stand on the present question. When the question was brought up by the corporation of the commission allowing the corporation to supervise the construction of state buildings at the fair, the commission rejected the request on account of the law, which made it obligatory that the commission actively supervise the building of all structures which were paid for with state funds. Mr. Dosch said concerning the regulations: "Yes, they are official and final. They can not be changed and there is no reason to suppose they will be. When some of the commissioners came to me I took up the matter with Mr. Goode and he said that he would handle the question. I presume he will receive the commission's O. K. on Saturday, but that is a mere matter of form. This is the result of careful study and nothing can be changed. Then, too, the commission is not specially fitted to make exhibit rules or to understand what the fair specially requires. In this respect, all these matters must be determined after long and careful study, a mere repetition of former rules will not do and the fair's peculiar needs must be studied from a professional standpoint."

GREATER NEW YORK MAY HAVE TO WALK

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) New York, April 6.—After months of secret preparation, involving the bringing together of all street railway employees in Greater New York into one mammoth organization, a plan is now being perfected for a big strike which, if carried into effect, is destined to tie up not only every surface elevated line in the borough of Brooklyn, but which may even extend to the elevated system, in the boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx. The grievances of the men are not practically a question of wages though this is an important factor of the discontent. Conductors and motormen declare, among other things, that whenever they succeed in finishing a trip in quick time they are docked the number of minutes they come in ahead of schedule time. The companies are preparing to fight the demands.

HIS FATE A PRISON

Burton, the Disgraced Senator Trembles When Sentence Falls.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Louis, Mo., April 6.—Senator Burton of Kansas was sentenced this morning to serve six months in the Iron county, Missouri, jail, and to pay a fine of \$2,500. In the crowded courtroom not a breath could be heard as Judge Adams of the United States district court pronounced this sentence on a person who had up a week ago enjoyed one of the proudest and most dignified positions in the gift of the American people. Convicted of receiving a bribe for his influence to protect a fraudulent concern which the government denied the use of the mail, ex-Senator Burton paled. Today he trembled in disgrace. Burton was before the court in answer to a summons for his presence when sentence would be passed. Seated between his attorneys he displayed extreme nervousness, his hands and limbs shaking violently. A few minutes after Judge Adams took his seat he addressed the suffering ex-statesman, saying: "The sentence imposed by this court for the crime for which you stand convicted is that you be imprisoned in the Iron county, Missouri, jail for the period of six months and pay a fine of \$2,500. "The sentence I impose is light in comparison to the crime you committed, but when taken into consideration that this sentence will prevent you from ever holding office again, I believe you will find the penalty severe enough." The disgraced man was practically led from the courtroom to the Southern hotel, where he declined to make any statement to the newspapers. Previously he had refused to make a statement to the court when asked if he had anything to say.

WIRELESS MESSAGE FLASHES OVER PUGET

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Victoria, B. C., April 6.—The United States treasury department is establishing a wireless telegraph station here. Captain Tosler of the Grant is here conducting experiments. He has had long communication with Port Townsend last night and today by the system. The station here will be in connection with Port Townsend and part of an extended system to Tacoma and Seattle.

BRITISH CRUELTY

The Bulgarian Outbreak Against Jews Worse Than Reported.

(Journal Special Service.) Berlin, April 6.—Horrible news is received from Lompalanka, Bulgaria, where the anti-Semitic riots were reported to have occurred Sunday and Monday. While the Bulgarian government is doing everything in its power to suppress the news, it is authentically stated that the mob resorted to the most abject cruelties. Injuries were inflicted on helpless victims resembling those suffered by Christ. Frantic wretches gashed the sides of the Jews and, after driving nails in their hands and feet, placed crowns of thorns on their heads. It is stated in a dispatch today that more than a score of men were treated in this way. Sunday evening, it is said, that many houses were assaulted and the men taken into the streets, after which the women were subjected to taunts and jeers. The authorities took energetic measures to crush the outbreak and succeeded in fully protecting the women from insult and the children from abuse. The reason given for the Bulgarian officials being so anxious in the suppression of the news is that should the full story be told it will have the effect of antagonizing international Jewish financiers who are handling Bulgarian loans.

PRINCESS OF BADEN GOES TO HER REST

(Journal Special Service.) Karlsruhe, Baden, April 6.—Princess Sophia of Lippe, the widow of the late Prince Gonthier Frederick, is dead. The princess was born in 1834 and was a princess of Baden. She was for years active in charitable work among the great class of factory people which makes Karlsruhe a manufacturing center, and was also a liberal patron of the arts. LORD WINS PRIMARIES. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., April 6.—In the primaries held yesterday C. J. Lord, Republican candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, carried the city with a sweep and landed all but four precincts in the country districts.

FIVE DIE IN FLAMES

Old Landmark in New York Goes Up in Morning Blaze.

(Journal Special Service.) Mount Vernon, N. Y., April 6.—Five persons lost their lives and another was fatally burned in a fire which destroyed Columbia hall, a three-story frame building early this morning. Three others were seriously and perhaps fatally injured. The dead are Nathan Frey, a shoe dealer and his three children, and Beattie Deering, a maid. Charles Fairbanks was fatally burned. The fire was under great headway when discovered and the guests in the building were compelled to seek escape by fire ladders and ropes. Those injured became panic-stricken and jumped from the windows as the flames encroached upon them, although warned by the firemen to wait until ladders could be raised. Columbia hall, which is one of the famous old-time buildings of the city, was at one time the principal meeting place for lodges of the various secret societies, but of later years has been occupied as a lodging and apartment house. PENNSYLVANIA REPUBLICANS. (Journal Special Service.) Harrisburg, Pa., April 6.—The Republican state convention assembled in the Grand opera house in this city today and was called to order shortly before noon by Senator Boies Penrose, chairman of the state committee. The convention will nominate a candidate for supreme court judge and elect delegates to the Chicago national convention.

UNION CARMEN BAR STUDENTS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) San Francisco, April 6.—The carmen's union has called upon the United Street Railroad company here to cease its employment of students pending the settlement of all differences and the establishment of a new agreement to take the place of the one that will expire May 1. The union has demanded an answer on the question of students by noon today. The position of the men is made clear in a statement made public last night. The men claim it would be outside for them to train men imported as strike-breakers to take their places in case the present controversy should lead to trouble.

ROOT FOR CHAIRMAN

Is Practically Announced That He Will Have the Honor.

BEVERIDGE IS LEFT OUT

Root Will Also Deliver Keynote of Campaign in Speech Before Republican National Convention.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, April 6.—Former Secretary of War Elihu Root has been practically determined upon for the post of temporary chairman, and possibly permanent chairman, of the Republican national convention to be held this summer. Such was practically announced to be the program today. It is not a surprise to those who have been on the inside for the last few weeks. Secretary Taft and several other prominent Republicans made the prediction a few days ago that Root would be given either the temporary or permanent chairmanship of the convention, but Mr. Taft is known to favor his being given the permanent and more powerful office. Mr. Root has been in Washington for several days, and during the greater portion of the time has been in conference with the president. It is understood that it is no part of the program, as at present announced, to make Senator Beveridge or Representative Cousins either temporary or permanent chairman—a fact which will prove a great disappointment to the senator from Indiana, who has been anxious to gain such prominence. Secretary Taft had a long consultation with the president this morning. After he emerged from the president's room he was met by a throng of newspaper correspondents who had been awaiting him in the belief that an announcement of importance would be made through him. He declined, however, to give any lengthy discussion of either politics or the chairmanship, except to say that Root would probably be at least the temporary chairman. A short time afterward Senator Depew visited the president, and his conversation afterward was similar to that of Mr. Platt's. Root Will Give Keynote. It is certain that the speech which Root will make before the convention will be the keynote of the campaign, and it is generally understood that it will be the subject for careful revision by not only Roosevelt, but other Republican wheelhorses as well. It was said in Republican conferences at the Capitol today that there is a movement on foot to bring about the nomination of Gen. Horace Porter, ambassador to France, for the governorship of New York. The plan is said to have the indorsement of President Roosevelt and meets with general approval from Republicans generally. Both Platt and Depew, however, when approached on this subject, were inclined to pass the matter lightly, and Depew said that he "did not take much stock in the idea that Porter was being groomed for such a race."

GREAT MERGER IS AGAIN IN TROUBLE

(Journal Special Service.) Jersey City, April 6.—Counsel representing the Continental Securities company today secured from vice-Chancellor Bergen an order requiring the Northern Securities company to show cause why it should not be restrained from voting to reduce its stock at its annual meeting on April 28. DEMOCRATIC GAINS. (Journal Special Service.) Milwaukee, April 6.—The municipal elections in towns throughout the state show that the Democrats have made good gains. It is believed that final returns will show almost an equal break with the favor of the Democratic side.